RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYIST EXPENDITURES FROM CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CHAPTER 330

H.B. No. 505

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on lobbyist expenditures from certain political contributions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 305, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 305.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 305.029. EXPENDITURES FROM POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "political contribution," "political committee," and "political expenditure" have the meanings assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person required to register under this chapter may not, at any time following the date the last term for which the person was elected ends, knowingly make or authorize, from political contributions accepted by the person as a candidate or officeholder, a political expenditure that is a political contribution to another candidate, officeholder, or political committee.
- (c) This section does not prohibit a person from making a political contribution or political expenditure in support of the person's own candidacy.
- SECTION 2. Section 305.029, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to an expenditure made on or after January 8, 2019, from funds accepted as a political contribution, regardless of the date the funds were accepted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 8, 2019.

Passed by the House on May 3, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective January 8, 2019.

PROVISION OF EMBRYO DONATION INFORMATION CHAPTER 331

H.B. No. 785

AN ACT

relating to the provision of embryo donation information.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 159, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 159.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 159.011. INFORMATION ABOUT EMBRYO DONATION. (a) In this section:

- (1) "Assisted reproduction" has the meaning assigned by Section 160.102, Family Code.
- (2) "Embryo donation" means the act of transferring to another person a human embryo for implantation in any person who is not a genetic parent of the human embryo or the spouse of a genetic parent of the human embryo.
- (3) "Human embryo" means a genetically complete living organism of the species Homo sapiens, from the single-cell fertilized egg to the blastocyst stage.
- (b) A physician who performs on a patient an assisted reproduction procedure that involves the creation of a human embryo shall inform the patient of the option of embryo donation for unused human embryos.